

ARMY TEAM FOR COMMERCIAL LEAGUE, IF OFFICERS CONSENT

Seventh Infantry and Krackajacks Likely to Get Franchises; Official Opening Next Sunday With All the "Usual Trimmings"; League Names "Official Goats" on Protests.

BY "BECK."
 THE fastest army sides ever brought to El Paso. There will be another meeting of the magnates on Friday evening, when the report of the Seventh will be received and the baseball men are all hoping that the proper consent will be given. Manager Smith is rather tickled at the prospect of getting the Krackajacks into the circuit and promises to clean up.

Morning Games Planned.
 The plan is to have a morning game and a doubleheader in the afternoon, all games to be played at Rio Grande park on Sunday.

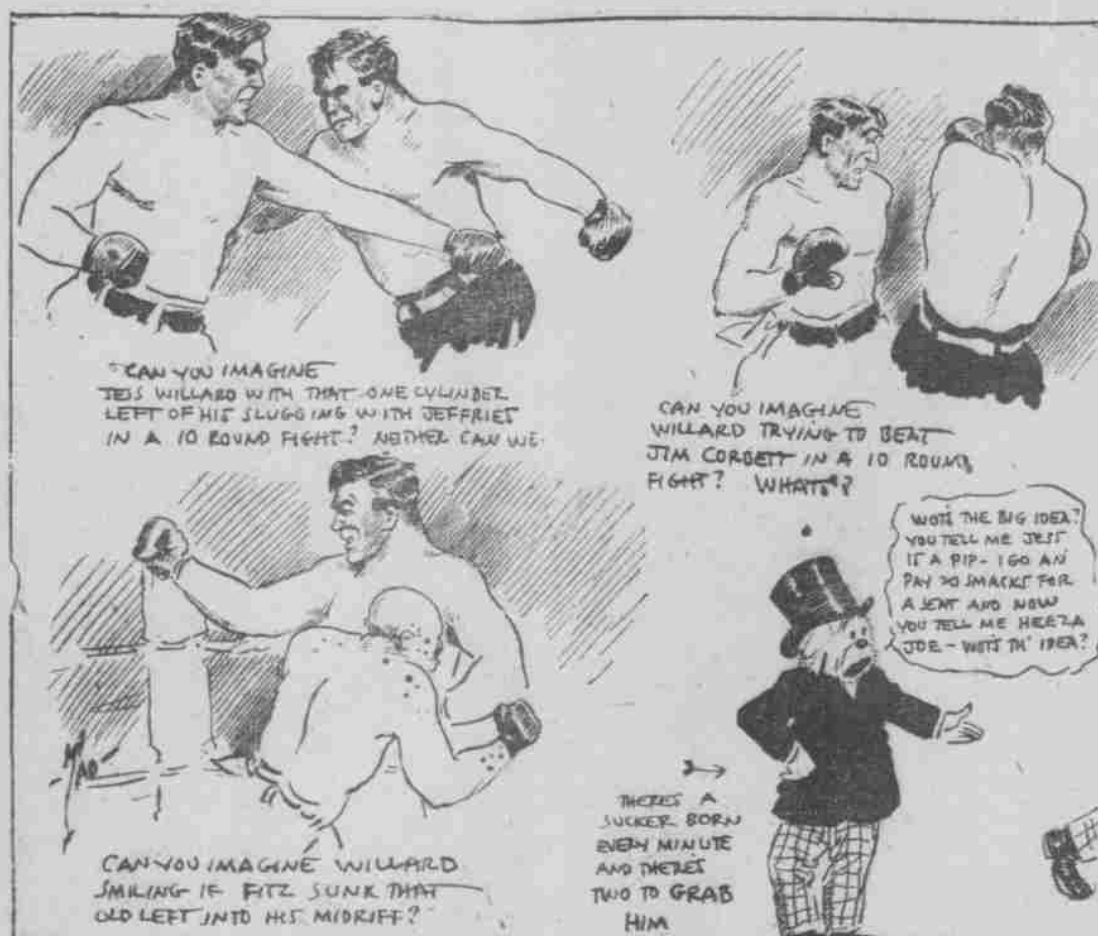
The official opening of the league will take place on Sunday night and a parade will precede the ceremonies at the park. The players will have their uniforms brushed up, their faces washed and shaved and will look their prettiest as they ride through the business section in real automobiles. It will be a "home" occasion. A band will play "See the Conquering Hero Come" and each team will feel that the musicians singled it out for the honor.

Bill Pelphrey Will Pitch.
 On arriving at the park the time will be changed to "Hot Time" while Bill Pelphrey gets his coat off, and when he has coaxed someone to take a change behind the bat, the league president will ascend the mound and show the pitchers how to pitch. Choice for backstop now seems to fall upon Art Woods and any person who has a pretense as big as a mattress is asked to get in touch with the genial little head of the Cactus club, Mr. Woods.

Millers Not Ready.
 There was some talk of a franchise for the El Paso Milling company, but it seems that the millers have yet perfected no organization, have no uniforms and have, so far as the league officers know, no real players signed up. It was felt that the Seventh would make a better team for the league, as the soldiers are known to have one of

EASY FOR THE OLD ONES---BY TAD

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IN BOYLAND

WHEN a husky youngster with a baseball bat and a discolored optic came into the office Tuesday afternoon to report a baseball game, A. L. Holm, the athletic director of the Y. M. C. A. happened to be talking to the sport writer and he said that the youngster's team should be called the "Young Willards," but the young player—we won't tell his name—stoutly insisted that there were no pugilists with his team. He admitted, however, that his pals were all ready to argue a close decision at any and all times, but declined to admit that the discolored eye was the result of such an argument.

Boyland specially invites reports of boys' teams in other parts of the southwest. We should like to hear from the teams at Lordsburg, Carrizozo, Clint, Fabens, and even over in Arizona. There must be some good teams in Douglas and Bisbee, for we have had several letters from managers there asking for particulars as to the method of earning free uniforms.

The Rio Grande Juniors report a victory over the Little Bears on the Octavia street grounds Monday afternoon, by a score of 11 to 6. The Rio Grande Juniors average 12 years of age and would like games with other teams of their age. Games can be arranged by calling Arthur Cornwall, captain of the team, at 7559.

The lineup of the Rio Grande Juniors is as follows: Sam Gillespie, p; Lyle Webster, c; Bertram Barnett, 1b; Ed Giesler, 2b; Arthur Cornwall, 3b; Lloyd Gillespie, ss; Winston Rose, rf; Ted Giesler, lf. They have no centerfielder at present and played the Little Bears with eight men.

PIERCE OF CUBS, HOLDS SHREVEPORT TEAM HITLESS

Shreveport, La., April 5.—William's home run featured the victory of the Chicago Nationals over the Shreveport, Tex., league team here Tuesday, 3 to 0. Pierce did not allow a hit during the five innings he pitched.

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"Beck's" Amen Corner

BY "BECK."

FORT WORTH people are showing some interest in the new Rio Grande league and a wire from the cattle center on Tuesday asked information about getting a franchise for Amarillo or Roswell. It may be that a certain Fort Worth man will take hold of one of the clubs and it is evident that his plan is to have a "farm" for the surplus young players of the Fort Worth club in the Texas league.

TRINIDAD is ready for the Rio Grande league, according to a wire received by John J. McCloskey. The fans of this live little city didn't take long to warm up to the proposition of the delegate sent there to look into the prospects for a club and he wires that the money to finance the team is now ready.

AMARILLO will make a good city for the Rio Grande league if suitable transportation arrangements can be made. It isn't the largest city in the proposed circuit but, from all accounts, it takes a back seat to none for being a live, hustling place.

WELL, they're off! The Coast league opened on Tuesday and the major leaguers are counting the hours until the umpires call "Play ball." As usual, John McGraw comes out with his statement that "The Giants are sure of the pennant." But it's like the old cry of "Wolf." We've heard it so often that we pay no attention.

MOTORISTS may be interested in another little tip: Watch the quality of your gasoline. There are different grades of gasoline just as there are grades of other things. Be sure that the gasoline you are using is up to the proper test. It means many more miles to you. Some inferior grade gasoline recently reached El Paso.

CLAUDE GRAHAM isn't going to Peoria after all. The Three-I leaguers have refused the offer of the Angels to send three players there and Chance is now trying to find a berth for them. Of Graham and another young pitcher, the Los Angeles Times says: "As these men have played practically no league ball, manager Jackson probably underestimates their real ability. They seem up like real comers." If Chance can hang on to them until the Rio Grande league gets under way he'll have no difficulty placing them.

BILL PELPHEY rather slipped one over on the sport critics when he had them named as the protest committee of the Commercial league. Never mind, Bill is going "to pitch" on Sunday and then we'll have a chance to get even.

LOS ANGELES may have nothing to say about the services of Claude Graham after all, for a wire this morning from secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National association, states "services of Claude M. Graham awarded St. Joseph, Mo." And the youngster looks so good to the Angels that they have been trying to "farm" him with a string.

HARRY HOWELL, former big leaguer, has signed up with the Northwestern league as an umpire.

BASEBALL fans will get their money's worth at Rio Grande park on Sunday afternoon. Watching that all-star battery, Pelphrey and Woods, should alone be worth the price of admission. Pelphrey has got to get but one strike across the plate but there's no telling how many "balls" he'll throw.

PETE LEYVA wasn't long in signing up with a Commercial league club after he got home from California. Pete has attached his signature to a Walk contract and will likely play in the outfield and act as relief pitcher for Villareal.

STATE COLLEGE NINE WILL PLAY N. M. MINES THURSDAY

State College, N. M., April 5.—The first baseball games for the New Mexico State college nine will be played on the college field Thursday and Friday afternoons with the New Mexico School of Mines nine.

The college nine compares favorably with the championship nine of last season, and the students are expecting a string of victories again this season. One captain last season, is again with the team and will occupy the mound, alternating with Babcock, second baseman. Blackwell will catch, the same position he held last season. Semons is again holding down first sack. Shortstop and third base will be filled by Marmon and Boneman, both new men on the nine. Lord, Llewellyn, this year's captain, and Randall, a new man, will probably hold down the fielding positions.

COAST LEAGUE.

At Salt Lake City; Oakland 4. At San Francisco 3; Portland 6. At Los Angeles 2; Vernon 2.

VEACH AND CRAWFORD HELP THE TIGERS WIN

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 4.—Two home runs each by Veach and Crawford, helped the Detroit Americans to defeat the Oklahoma City Western association team here Tuesday, 14 to 0.

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TRAIN FROM PEARSON IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TONIGHT

A train is expected to reach Juarez from Pearson this evening over the Mexico North Western railroad. The train left Pearson Wednesday morning with a few passengers, a car of lumber, two empty cars and a water car. No supplies were shipped south over this line Wednesday morning, but a train is expected to go south Thursday morning.

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